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NAZIS REINFORCE STRONGPOINTS IN CASSINO

Sharp Local Fighting In Fifth Army Bridgehead In Italy

LONDON, March 20.

Nine-tenths of the town area may now be in Allied hands but the battle is not yet won, cables Reuters' special correspondent with the Fifth Army before Cassino.

From Mediterranean Allied force advance headquarters: Today's Allied Communique states: "Land." The enemy has succeeded in reinforcing his strongpoints in Cassino and has regained one lower hill feature.

Fighting continues in Cassino and on the hillside below the Monastery.

Elsewhere on the main Fifth Army front and in the Fifth Army Allied bridgehead sharp local fighting occurred but there were no important changes in the frontline.

Eighth Army troops were engaged in active patrolling clashing with the enemy at several points inflicting casualties and taking prisoners.

AIR: Airfield and adjacent factories and railroads at Kagenfurt, industrial installations at Graz and rail facilities at Knin and Metkovic were attacked yesterday by heavy bombers.

Medium bombers attacked the docks at San Stefano, Porto Serrajo and rail facilities at Arezzo, Orvieto Avezano, Valmontone and Fabriano.

Fighter-bombers supported the ground forces and made shipping sweeps in the Adriatic. Last night medium and heavy bombers attacked the docks at Monfalcone. During the day yesterday 32 enemy aircraft were destroyed. Seventeen Allied planes are missing.

TWO AXIS NAVAL CRAFT SUNK

NAVAL: U. S. patrol craft operating west of Anzio and in the Ligurian sea succeeded in sinking two enemy craft. In an action west of Anzio a patrol torpedo-boat engaged and sank an E-Boat on patrol. In the Ligurian Sea three patrol torpedo-boats encountered a convoy of two lighters and two E-Boats. In the action that followed one of the lighters was torpedoed and sunk. On March 18 a British warship carried out a series of successful bombardments in the Anzio area.

"In the course of their patrol in the Central Mediterranean French light naval forces encountered a small enemy convoy, sinking three ships and probably a fourth."

Allied engineers are pushing more bridge across the Rapido river preparing a way for tanks to start a thrust up the Rome road when the moment comes for Allied troops to pour into the Liri valley.

VESUVIUS POURS OUT LAVA

NAPLES, March 20: Lava is still pouring from Mt. Vesuvius to-day and shows no signs of slowing up, says Reuter's special correspondent.

Lt.-Col. Kincaid the Allied Commissioner for the province of Naples, stated after investigations that evacuation of persons from the path of destruction would be made should eruption gain greater proportions. Considerable damage has already been done to forest plantations but neither crops nor buildings are yet reported to have been destroyed.—Reuter.

Wilhelmstrasse Denies It!

Rumours Of "Peace Move By Hitler In Future Will Be Without Foundation"

BERLIN, March 20: A German Foreign Office spokesman today denied the rumours of a peace move by Hitler, according to the German news agency.

"Any such rumours which might be circulated to this effect in future will be entirely without foundation'," it was stated.—Reuter.

RUSSO-FINNISH PEACE TERMS

LONDON, March 20: The Finnish radio quoting the newspaper "Helsinki Sanomat" said to-day that according to the latest information considerable modifications had been made in the Russian peace terms and the outlook was better.

The announcer quoted the newspaper "Usui" as saying: "We ask for nothing better than to follow the advice given by President Roosevelt and King Gustav of Sweden".—Reuter.

King Peter Weds

LONDON, March 20: Reuter learns reliably that King Peter of Yugoslavia and Princess Alexander of Greece were married at 7 a.m. (Greenwich Time) to-day.—Reuter.

LINLITHGOW'S NEW JOB

LONDON, March 20: The Marquis of Linlithgow with the King's approval has been appointed Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, it is announced from No. 10 Downing Street.

ALLIED RAIDS ON GERMANY

LONDON, March 20: Last night "Mosquitoes" of the Bomber Command attacked objectives in Central and Western Germany without loss. Allied medium and light bombers made attacks on a number of targets in Northern France early this morning.

It is now known that three more German aircraft were destroyed in raids on Britain last night, making a total of seven in all.—

A Communique from the U. S. Air Headquarters in Europe states: 'Medium sized forces of heavy bombers of the Eighth Air Force attacked targets in south-western Germany today.

Marauders to-day made a devastating attack on the important rail junction of Creil, 30 miles north of Paris.

SIR R. S. SARMA RETURNS

KARACHI, March 20: Sir R. S. Sarma, a member of the Indian Delegation, who went on a lecture tour to Britain and America returned to India to-day.

The leader and two members of the Chinese Goodwill Mission, which went on a tour of England, Canada and the United States arrived in India to-day on their way back to China.—A. P.

Members of Iranian Cultural Mission talking to Mr. A. S. Bokhari, Director-General, All India Radio at the Delhi Station.

EX-VICHY MINISTER EXECUTED

ALGIERS, March 20: The former Vichy Minister of the Interior M. Pierre Pucheu was executed by a firing squad this morning.

M. Pucheu had been found guilty on six counts, including treason in a trial before a special military court at Algiers which lasted one week. His appeal against the sentence was rejected. The last appeal for clemency was made to Gen. de Gaulle on Saturday. M. Pucheu himself refused to ask for mercy after the rejection of his appeal by the Court of Military Appeal on Friday. The plea to Gen. de Gaulle was made by his counsel at the request of M. Pucheu's brother.

In July, 1941, M. Pucheu became Minister of Interior in Admiral Darlan's Cabinet but disappeared from the Administration when M. Laval returned to remodel it in 1942. He turned up in North Africa within a week of the Allied landing there by an arrangement, he claimed, with Gen. Giraud.—Reuter.

RUSSIANS CAPTURE VINNITSA AND MOGILEV-PODOLSKI

MOSCOW, March 20: Russians have captured Mogilev-Podolski, an order of the day from Marshal Stalin announced to-night. Marshal Stalin in a second order of the day announced the capture of Vinnitsa, whose evacuation the Germans had admitted earlier to-day.—Reuter.

ATTACK ON RED FORT GUARD

NEW DELHI, Mar. 20.

A Press Note says: Early this morning a man believed to be mad is reported to have attacked and seized the rifle of one of the sentries at the outer gate of the Red Fort. Armed with this, a bayonet and a stick, he then assaulted soldiers of the guard and though warned persisted in his murderous attack. Two rounds had to be fired before he felt seriously wounded. A ricochet from one of the shots injured a passer-by though not, it is believed, seriously. The wounded are in hospital.—A. P.

A sensation was created this morning when a middle-aged man was shot dead in front of the Fort just near the out-gate while trying to snatch a rifle from the gate-keeper.

It transpires the man succeeded in snatching a rifle from one guard and attacked another guard who shot him dead.—United Press.

Abdul Ghaffar Khan Received Six Bruises When Arrested

PESHAWAR, March 17: At question time in the Frontier Assembly to-day the Parliamentary Secretary, Mr. Pir Syed Jalal said that Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan received 6 bruises at the time of his arrest.

Allied Commando Raid On Burma Front

JAP CONCENTRATIONS IN CHIN HILLS AND CHINDWIN VALLEY BOMBED

NEW DELHI, March 20.

It was revealed last night that the idea of air commando which so successfully flew in the spearhead of our forces now in North Burma, was first thought of by Lord Louis Mountbatten.

Broadcasting on the All-India Radio last night, Air Marshal Sir Philip Joubert, of Headquarters, South East Asia Command, said: "It is interesting to recall that this scheme of an air commando was first thought of by the Supreme Allied Commander Lord Louis Mountbatten. He gave the idea to General Arnold, who adopted it enthusiastically and ordered the formation of such a force for the South East Asia theatre. He also gave the name 'Commando' to the force as a compliment to Lord Louis, who, at that time, as Head of Combined Operations, was in charge of the land commandos."

Heavy bombers of the Strategic Air Force, Eastern Air Command, in daylight on the 18th March and on the night of 18&19 maintained their offensive against Kalewa supply bases, says a communique from Allied Headquarters, South-east Asia Command, today. After the daylight raid on the town, smoke rose to 7,800 feet. Escorted medium bombers on the 19th March bombed Wuntho and the road to Pinlebu.

Fighters of the Tactical Air Force on the 18th and 19th March, attacking communications and enemy positions in the Arakan, Mayu and Kaladan areas, destroyed 18 river-craft, while escorted dive bombers made a heavy attack on enemy positions in the Buthidaung area.

Dive-bombers, fighter-bombers and fighters attacked enemy positions, troop concentrations and other objectives in the Chin Hills, Chindwin Valley and north-west Burma.

On the Arakan Front on the 19th March, our troops made further progress on the Mayu Range.

Isolated Japanese pockets of resistance to the north-west of Buthidaung are still holding out.

In the Kaladan valley near the junction of the Kaladan river and Pi Chuang, the enemy made an attack against one of our positions which met with some initial success. West African troops counter-attacked and retook the position inflicting casualties on the enemy in hard fighting.

In the Chin hills the general situation is unchanged. North of Tiddim, parties of the enemy have forced to withdraw. Enemy casualties during the recent fighting are estimated to have been heavy.

At the soutern exit of the Hukawng Valley, the Chinese have outflanked a Japanese unit east of Jambu Bum and the enemy is retreating Tingkawk Sakan, on the road five miles north of Jambu Bum is still being shelled by Japanese heavy artillery. To the west, the Chinese have occupied Tasu Bum, reporting no contact with the enemy, who continue to withdraw in this area.

A. K. QURESHI of Reuters, the first Indian to serve abroad as war correspondent, is now covering the Indian Division which is fighting in Italy.

MULES BY AIR TO BURMA FRONT

NEW DELHI, March 20.

During the recent air borne landings in the heart of the Japanese occupied Burma, pack animals, including mules, were transported by aircraft for the first time.

There were surprisingly few "incidents" during the flights. One mule however, endangered one of our big troop carriers by starting to lash out—and had to be shot. Another ran wild among the aircraft on the ground, and sat on a Dakota's aileron.

During the recent Arakan campaign live bullocks were frequently flown in to the Seventh Division box and to other isolated army units.—A. P.

W. I. STATES BEAT NORTHERN INDIA

Will Meet Bengal In Ranji Trophi Final

N. I. C. A. 145 and 283.
W. I. S. C. A. 254 and 175 for three.

RAJKOT, March 20: The Western India States Cricket Association beat Northern India Cricket Association in the semi-final of the cricket championship for the Ranji Trophy by seven wickets.

They meet Bengal in the final.

SCORES N. I. C. A. (SECOND INNINGS CONCLUDED

Abdul Hafeez b Saeed Ahmed	143
S. C. Ahmed b Akber	1
Zafar Ahmed not out	66
Extras	10
Total	283

BOWLING ANALYSIS: Saeed Ahmed 32/13/62/1, Akber 28/5/65/4.

W. I. S. C. A. (2ND INNINGS.)

Pratapraj l-b-w Asghar Ali	16
Jayantilal c Bashir b Fazal Mahmood	7
Umer not out	66
Prithviraj c Ramprakash b Fazal Mahmood	43
Saeed Ahmed not out	23
Extras	20
Total (for three wkts).	175

BOWLING ANALYSIS: Abdul Hafiz 17/8/35/0; Inayatullah Khan 9/4/14/0; Ahmed Khan 7/3/9/0; Fazal Mahmood 36/12/59/2; Asghar Ali 20/6/37/1; Mohamed Aslam 2/1/10.—A. P.

"NO LITTLE COMMANDO PARTY"

NEW YORK, March 20: The "Herald Tribune" in a leading article to-day said: "No troop movement which has been attempted by air in this war compares in boldness of plan and in magnitude with the delivery of the troops in the heart of Northern Burma this is no little commando party. It is a force big enough and well equipped to put all the Japanese in north-western Burma in jeopardy and make all those in north-eastern Burma and Yunnan worry about their communications over the Burma roads.—Reuter.

NEED OF LAND OFFENSIVE TO AID AIR-BORNE TROOPS IN JAP REAR

(By D. F. KARAKA

"Chronicle" War Correspondent)

ADVANCE ARAKAN BASE, Mar. 19.

The story of landing behind enemy lines of British glider-borne troops in Burma officially released on general three thousand word handout New Delhi though colourful and spectacular, tends to make the average reader lose all sense of proportion. It must, therefore, be pointed out that this operation must be regarded as relatively unimportant so long as Japanese occupy Akyab and the Japanese Eighteenth Army remains in Burmah. It is even difficult to compare this operation with the Wingate expedition. The fact that in present operation it has resulted in establishing an air strip behind Japanese lines means nothing until it can be proved that as a result of this operation parts of the Jap army operating there have been encircled or that our front there has been relieved of such pressure as may have been caused by the presence of Japanese forces concentrated there.

Likewise the much over-written fact that Allied forces have crossed the Chindwin river must be read along with the news that Jap forces have also crossed the same Chindwin river. It must, therefore, be pointed out that the motive of launching glider operation so near to the coming monsoon is not clear.

Mention has been made in the New Delhi Communique that Allied air superiority has been established and that this glider operation is further evidence of such superiority. To which I say that it did not need this glider operation and risking of men and materials merely to establish air superiority..

Moreover air superiority is only a means to an end. This has been proved time and again in World War. No 2 Air superiority becomes meaningless unless followed up by offensives on land which that air superiority has made possible.

The trouble about Burma campaign has been that with growing air superiority, there has not been corresponding growing superiority on land. It must be stressed that the fault does not lie with men on the spot, who are fighting or commanding Allied forces. The Commanders like their men are keen as mustard to engage the Japanese in Burma and drive them back. There was evidence of that keenness on every mile of that part of front I have just visited.

But these men in command cannot and rightly will not move until they have what they require with which to engage and defeat Jap. It would appear that priority given to other European fronts in the mind of the High Command and the high value attached to places like Anzio must necessarily relegate the Burma campaign to the status of "a containing war". It is then that one recalls the words of the Generalissimo and Madame Chiang-Kai-Shek —words which are echoed in every valley and every Chaung and every feature of Burma. One, therefore, wonders whether significance of glider operations is to serve as a distracting operation.

Therefore, it is essential that one retains some sense of proportion and any one who has looked over Burma first hand would advocate caution lest one gets carried away with the colour and —of the glider operation which to my mind can have hardly any offensive strategic value in Burma at the present moment. Burma cannot be indefinitely fought or be retaken by airborne troops nor can supply routes be maintained only by air. In the background of any offensive in Burma there must be a clear and uninterrupted supply route both by land and sea and no glider operation and no amount of air superiority can mean the same thing.

ACHARYA LIMAYE OPERATED UPON

MIRAJ, March 20: Acharya V. P. Limaye a Congress worker, has it is reported, been successfully operated upon for appendicitis at a Poona hospital.—United Press.

ESCAPED FROM POLICE CUSTODY

BARODA, March 20: Lallubhai Dayabhai, against whom 61 different charges have been filed, escaped from police custody yesterday.—A. P.

U. P. M.L.A. RELEASED

GHAZIPUR, March 20: Mr. Parshuram, M. L. A., a prominent Congress worker, has been released unconditionally from the Lucknow Central Jail.—United Press.

JINNAH RENEWS 'FREEDOM FOR ALL' SLOGAN

"The only and the best solution of the Indian problem is that the British Government have to give freedom. It is for both Pakistan and Hindusthan." Thus said Mr. Jinnah in concluding his presidential speech at the Punjab Muslim Students Federation conference.

LAHORE: Mar. 20: "Today we are experimenting in the laboratory of our ministries and it is upto us to see what we can get out of this laboratory. If this laboratory does not work we shall have to find a better laboratory." This warning was given by Mr. Jinnah with reference to the working of the Punjab Ministry in the course of his concluding remarks at the annual session of the Punjab Muslim Students' Federation which concluded at one a.m.

Mr. Jinnah then proceeded to criticise what he described as a sinister move started by a jat in the Punjab that the Muslim jats and the Hindu Jats were one. And he warned those who were trying these methods.

Mr. Jinnah declared amidst cheers that Islam did not recognise any kind of distinction of various classifications of castes and the prophet was able to level down all castes and create a national unity among Arabs in Arabia.

They wanted to destroy the curse of the caste system which had been the ruin of Muslim India. Let it be clear, he said, that the League is not going to allow anyone to create disruption by these methods among Muslims.

Our bedrock and sheet anchor is Islam. There is no question even of Shias and Sunnis. We are one and we must move into nation as one and then alone we shall be able to retain Pakistan. He declared that the caste system was responsible for the slavery of India.

Mr. Jinnah also warned the Communist party to keep their hands off the Muslims. They did not want any flag other than the League Flag and Islam was their guide and the complete code for their life. They did not want any 'isms'.

Mr. Jinnah then examined the August Resolution of the Congress and said that it completely ignored the Muslim League and Muslim India. It gave an ultimatum to the British Government to give United India Federal Central Government and a constituent assembly to frame a constitution which must be accepted by the British Government.

If this demand were conceded it meant not only that Pakistan was dead but that A HUNDRED MILLION MUSLIMS WOULD BE COMPLETELY UNDER THE RAJ OF HINDU IMPERIALISTS.

How can we possibly sit and do nothing, Mr. Jinnah asked. The British he went on, is the white bania and the Hindu is the real bania. If they come to some settlement we may let down. That is the position we are guarding against.

Criticising Lord Wavell's recent speech in response to a request from the audience Mr. Jinnah contended that geography had been altered in the case of the Suez Canal, the Panama Canal, Spain, Portugal, Sweden, Norway, Ulster in Eire and Sudan in Egypt. Mr. Jinnah said it was only a shooting reference.

Mr. Jinnah said as the Muslims were beginning to know things more and more just as the Hindus knew things more and more, this sort of pronouncement, be it from Lord Wavel, Lord Linlithgow, or Mr. Amery, would cease to be made.

The more we understand the quicker will be the settlement and the only and best solution of the Indian problem, he concluded, is that the British Government have to give freedom. IT IS BOTH FOR PAKISTAN AND HINDUSTAN.

He then asked the Muslims to march on and march forward with will and determination.—A.P.

LATEST COMMERCIAL COTTON (MAY)

New York, March 20.

Previous Closing	20.74
To-day's Opening	20.74
Difference	nil
To-day's Closing	20.77
Difference	+03

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York, March 20.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices:—

General Motors $58-1/2.

Anaconda Copper Mining unquoted.

United States Steel Common $53-7/8.

United States Steel Preference unquoted.—Reuter.

CITY MARKETS

BOMBAY, Monday.

SHARES: The local Share Bazar opened very steady with general buying in steel shares and quotations moved up but at the rise there appeared some realising and the market reacted. Steel Shares show increased activity while textile shares were steady with a moderate turnover. Tata Steel Defds opened at Rs. 2,240 and advanced to Rs. 2,262 but later reacted to Rs. 2,250. Ordinary Shares opened at Rs. 430 and advanced to Rs. 434 and steadied at Rs. 433. Bombay Dyeing Shares opened at Rs. 2,147 and after improving to Rs. 2,157 sagged to Rs. 2,147. Kohinoor Mill Shares opened at Rs. 719 and improved to Rs. 722 but declined to Rs. 716. Century Mill Shares opened at Rs. 1,065 and improved to Rs. 1,080. There is some accumulation of long interest and it will be advisable to await lower levels.

BULLION: On Saturday London Markets were closed and New York quotations were unchanged. The local market was very steady with moderate demand for silver supplies of which remain very limited. Those who sold on the belief that as compared with Gold, price of Silver was dear were forced to cover short sales at higher levels. Week after week short sellers find themselves caught as supply of silver does not increase under such circumstances. Silver is a one-sided game until new development. Forward Silver opened to-day at Rs. 126/6 and advanced to Rs. 127/2 and later steadied at Rs. 126/13. Gold Market remains neglected with a restricted turnover and Forward Gold was quoted at Rs. 71/0/3.

The market ruled steady. Closing quotations. Ready Silver Rs. 129-4, Forward Rs. 126-7, Ready Gold Rs. 71-0-6, Forward Rs. 70-15-6 and Sovereigns Rs. 49-2.

COTTON: The local cotton market opened at Rs. 451/ for May delivery under general buying but later prices reacted to Rs. 449/8 on some realising. The market opinion is divided at this level. Bears look to the statistical position and relay on accumulation of unwanted short staple while bulls believe that with a prospective consumption of over 4 million bales by our mills: there will be shortage of desi red cotton. At present new crop is marketed and there is some hedge selling to check upward move but later on when hedge selling subsides prices will have to reach higher levels.

There was some realising. Closing quotations at 6 p.m. were as under:—

I. C. C. March 449-4, I. C. C. May 447-4, I. C. C. July 453-12, I. C. C. September 456.

COTTON PARITY: Indian Cotton May contract is below New York May

BUSINESS HOLIDAY

All City Markets will remain closed to-day being "Jamshedi Navroz".

336 cent points at Exchange rate 331.

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

I C C March high 452/8; low 451/12; close 451/12; I C C May high 452/8; low 450/4; close 450/12; I C C July high 458; low 456/8; close 457; I C C September high 460; low 458/8 close 459/8.

NEW YORK COTTON REVIEW: — After early firmness with near months touching the highest for the season, reflecting a broader demand for textiles prices broke sharply on commission house liquidation and increased hedge pressure. The reaction was considered largely technical as prices had advanced more than three dollars a bale since March first, although the Russian victories and the reported Balkan peace moves created some nervousness. Re-possessions of 1942/1943 loan cotton have increased appreciably recently attributed to the improvement in market values.

Crop preparations are mostly delayed with the belief that labour shortage and farmers' other difficulties will result in a smaller acreage. Mill demand for spots improved slightly but turnover was still small. Pressing civilian orders for cotton goods remain unfilled owing to the heavy backlog for military and lend and lease. The market steadied latterly. Meanwhile traders are cautious pending a new appraisal of the situation.

COTTON ARRIVALS: Khandesh 737, Central India 598, Dholeras 642, Rajputana 111, Sind-Punjab 9,578, Broach 2,824, Western 208, Egyptian 1,7220. Total 31,918 Bales.

COTTON TENDERS.

Bombay, March 20.

I. C. C. March To-day 1,550, Total 16,900.

COTTON ROOM RATES.

Jarilla Extra Spr.-fine 471, Sup. 461, Fine 451, F. Good 444; Broach Extra Spr.-fine 470, Sup. 465, Fine 460, F. Good 455; L. S. S. Pun.-Ame. Extra Spr.-fine 585, Sup. 580, Fine 575 F. Good 570; 289 F. Pun.-Ame. Extra Spr.-fine 635, Sup. 630, Fine 625, F. Good 620; S. G. 289 Extra Spr.-fine 630, Sup. 675, Fine 670, F. Good 665; N. T. Sind-Ameri. Extra Spr.-fine 585, Sup. 580, Fine 575, F. Good 570; Sawgin Sind-Ameri. Extra Spr.-fine 625, Sup. 620, Fine 615, F. Good 610.

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS.

Khandesh Jarilla Old 270/300, New 350/380; Berar Jarilla Old 310/320, New 400/420; 280 F. Jarilla Old 480/520, New 610/630; N. T. Jarilla Old 450/460, New 560/570; 289 F. Saw-ginned Old 500/550, New 675/685.

CHEQUES CLEARED: Cheques delivered through the Bombay Bankers' Clearing House during the week ending 17th March 1944 were as under:—

Number of cheques—1,58,633.

Amount of cheques—50,46,21,965-8-0.

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE

T. S. Ord. (428) 430 35 33/8 35 34 32 32/8 30/8 31/8 30/8 31; T.S. Dfd. (2225) 2235 67/8 57/8 52/8 60 55 45 50 52 47 52/8; Dyeing (2142/8) 2152/8 450 60 56/4 62/8 55 43/12 48/12 42/8 47/8 52/8 42/8 43/12; Century (1060) 1060 70 80 66 30 55; Kohinoor (717) 721 18 24 21 16 18 15 17 16 11 12; Swadesh (604) 605 4 5 6 5 2 4 7 5; Nagpur (437) 436 35/8 37 36 31 34 33 30; Simplex (263/8) 263 62 64 63 61 62/8; New Great (437) xd. 413 15 14 12 11; Bellapur (250) 252 50 51 52 49 50/8 49; Cement (225) 225/8 27/8 26/12 27.

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, March 20.

The following is the weather-chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches recorded at eight hours on 16th March 1944:—

Allahabad 88 61 0.2; BOMBAY 85 72 0; Calcutta 91 73 0; Cawnpore 88 59 T; Cuttack 93 72 0; Darjeeling 59 45 0; Delhi 82 56 0; Lahore 87 56 0; Lucknow 89 59 T; Madras 87 74 0; Nagpur 88 66 0.1; Patna 91 65 0; Peshawar 83 55 0; Shillong 0 0 0; Simla 53 41 T.—A. P.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

My advice to you is, to cheer up, to keep a good heart and to know your own value.

—Charles Dickens.

The Bombay Chronicle

WANTED A CONFERENCE

The U. P. Congressmen's informal conference held at Allahabad last week seems to be a prelude to a larger conference to be held shortly, though even that is proposed to represent only the United Provinces. Such conferences, though limited geographically, express fairly accurately the feeling of Congressmen in general. Thus the Allahabad meeting's reiteration of their complete faith in the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi echoes the feeling of Congressmen in general. But what precisely should be done by Congressmen in his absence in the changed and changing circumstances in the country is a question that needs to be considered by Congress leaders who are free; though any radical change of policy can emanate only from Gandhiji and the members of the Working Committee. Dr. P. Subbaroyan suggests that Mrs. Naidu, the only member of the Working Committee who is outside prison, should call a meeting of those Congressmen outside prison in order to consider the present situation. An All-India Conference of Congressmen is desirable, by whomsoever called.

The Allahabad meeting has done well to draw the attention of the public and the Muslim League in particular to the Congress Working Committee's resolution of April 21, 1942, where the right of self-determination was specially recognised and an assurance given that there would be no compulsion for the people of any territory to remain in the Indian Union. Further steps in the direction of a Congress-League settlement can be taken only if the Congress leaders in jail are free to be interviewed by other leaders. If Government are really anxious for such a settlement, as they profess to be, they will give the Congress leaders the necessary facilities, not otherwise. Those critics of the Congress who are extremely eager about a Congress-League settlement should realise from all this that the next step is to be taken by Government.

Though important new decisions by Congressmen can be arrived at only in consultation with the leaders in jail, much constructive work on familiar lines can and needs to be done by all Congressmen who are free. The Allahabad conference has declared that, though a detailed programme can be formulated by a more representative body, "it is necessary for the present to concentrate on handspinning and weaving and relief to the families of those who are in prison." The latter item has not yet received the attention it deserves. We have already commended this work in connection with the recent appeal issued by Mr. A. V. Thakkar, President of the Bombay Distress Relief Committee, and we wholeheartedly agree with the U. P. Congressmen that the forthcoming National Week "could hardly be celebrated in a better way this year than in making an intensive collection of funds for this noble purpose." We are sure the collection can be made without prejudice to another noble undertaking, the collection of Rs. 75 lakhs for the Kasturba Gandhi Memorial. With regard to Khaddar, Babu Laxminarain, Acting General Secretary of the All-India Spinners' Association, has issued a circular urging that "Khadi producers' and consumers' co-operative societies should be organized all over the country and the work of Khadi production and sale be handed over to them, the A.-I. S. A. to help and co-operate in every way with these bodies", keeping in view its original mission, namely, "to make every home in India self-sufficient through Khadi with reference to its clothing requirements and to promote the welfare of spinners who are the lowest paid among the Khadi artisans and all other engaged in the different processes beginning with the growing of cotton and ending with the weaving of Khadi." It is desirable for those who have succeeded in promoting Khadi producers' and consumers' co-operative societies to publish the results of their experience and also model schemes for district or taluka societies. Much more constructive work is possible and needs to be done by Congressmen, not the least important being the growing of more food. To consider the plans of such constructive work as also to explore the possibilities of a constitutional settlement an early all-India conference of Congressmen and its sympathisers is absolutely necessary and should no longer be delayed.

Iranian Cultural Mission

We accord a most cordial welcome to the Iranian Cultural Mission, which arrived in this city on Sunday. As pointed out by the Leader of the Mission in his press statement, Iran and India have many "racial and linguistic affinities and a common glorious heritage, thereby giving the world a lead in fellowship and harmony". The object of the mission is to draw the countries closer together and we trust the object will be amply fulfilled. India has produced many Persian scholars and eminent Persian poets like Ghalib and Iqbal, Hindustani, the national language of India, contains numerous words and phrases derived from Persian and suggestive of Iranian culture and civilisation. A no small section of the Indian population derives inspiration from Persian culture. Indeed, as the Leader of the mission stated, "the Iranians and Indians are like two brothers, who, according to a Persian legend, got separated, one going East and the other to the West so much so that their posterity forgot all about each other but now the two peoples are recognising their old kinship." We feel sure that the free India of to-morrow will be even more closely united with Iran than she is to-day.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Leaflets Over Berlin

An interesting report comes from Washington that American bombers in their daylight raids on Berlin have dropped not only bombs but also leaflets urging the German people to repudiate their Nazi leaders. This recalls to one's mind the leaflets couched in similar words that were showered over the Reich capital during the phoney days of the war. Those leaflets were not accompanied by bombs and thus proved the laughing stock of the German people. Berliners will not laugh now in the heaps of rubble that were their homes—but one wonders whether the leaflets will have a different effect upon them in 1944 from what they had in 1939. Apart from the fact that the Nazi grip is strong, what future prospects have the Allies placed before them to encourage them to rise against the present regime? Mr Churchill's declaration that the Atlantic Charter will not apply to Germany has already evoked a storm of protest in Britain itself. Nothing like the Fourteen Points of President Wilson in the last war have been put before the German people by the Allies. And unless this grave psychological lacuna is made good, it is futile to expect that such leaflets will prove of much value even as propaganda.

Showdown In N. Burma

Fighting in Burma is getting livelier. The focus has now shifted from the Mayu peninsula to northern Burma, where an air-borne detachment of the South-East Asia Command has landed plumb in the enemy's rear somewhere east of the Upper Irrawady. The feat was brilliantly conceived and meticulously executed and it seems to have taken the Japs completely by surprise. These troops will presumably act in concert with General Stilwell's forces which are advancing down the Hukawng Valley towards Jambu Bum. While, therefore, it is absurd to exaggerate the task of the air-borne detachment as an "invasion" of Northern Burma, it affords a convincing proof at any rate that the SEAC has at last got really going. At the same time one must be prepared for strong enemy reactions to the latest Allied thrust in the heart of Burma. The Burma campaign this year has not gone at all to his liking and, as much for propaganda as for strategic reasons, a counter-offensive should not be far away—particularly in view of the fact that the monsoon will burst over Burma within a couple of months. The latest reports from General Stilwell's headquarters in fact reveal that a major Jap offensive on the Chindwin front is imminent and that enemy forces have already crossed the river in force at several points. General Stilwell must be ready for such a development and we can look forward with confidence to what may prove a decisive engagement in northern Burma.

Discreditable

The main resolution of the All-India Manufacturers' Conference, deploring Government's neglect of industries in the past and urging a policy of rapid industrialisation in the future, is quite a good one so far as it goes. But only a truly National Government can give effect to it and the need for such a Government ought to have been expressed in the resolution. As a matter of fact, we understand, there was a clause or a resolution to this effect. But, it is reported, the C. P. Governor, who was to inaugurate the conference, refused to do so unless the reference to the establishment of a National Government was dropped and the Reception Committee submitted to the dictation. If the report is true, by doing so the Committee has discredited itself and the conference. Its conduct cannot be justified or extenuated on the plea that it has only divorced politics from business. But it is self-stultifying for such a conference to surrender the right of discussing any point necessary in voicing its grievances and demands. Bodies like the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry and several other business organisations have claimed and exercised this right, particularly in demanding a truly National Government. The Nagpur Reception Committee should make some amends by apologising for its lapse, otherwise its action must be repudiated and condemned by other business bodies, particularly those connected with the Manufacturers' Association.

MUSLIM "TIMES"

The Government of India have given permission to re-start the Muslim "Times" the Gujarati Daily as a very special case. The paper ceased publication in October 1942 for want of quota of newsprint. The paper will be out as soon as the arrangements are completed.

Congress Legislators Meet Mrs. Naidu

NEW DELHI, March 20: Members of the Congress Party in the Central Legislature met Mrs. Sarojini Naidu at a party given by Raizada Hansraj today and had an informal talk about the participation of Congress members in the Assembly Session.

Mrs. Sarojini Naidu handed over Rs. 1,500 to Mr. A. V. Thakkar today for relief work in Travancore. She has already paid Rs. 2,500 for Bengal relief and Rs. 3,000 to assist the cheap grain shops in the Hyderabad State out of the moneys she had received from China for Indian famine relief measures.—A. P.

NO-PARTY CONFERENCE

LAHORE, March 20.

The No-Party Conference which will commence here on April 7 under the presidentship of Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru will be attended, it is learned. Among others by Dr. S. P. Mookerji, Sir Maharaj Singh, Pt. N. Kunzru, Dr. Sir Gokul Chand Narang, Rai Bahadur Mehr Chand Khanna, Sardar Sant Singh, Kumarajah Sir Muthia Chettiar and Mohd. Yunus.

After Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru's presidential address, Dr. M. R. Jayakar will move the main resolution and the Conference will then adjourn till next day. Prior to the opening of the Conference a meeting of the delegates will be held on the morning on April 7, when the resolution framed the Standing Committee will be placed before it.—A.P

CENTRAL M.L.A.S AND D. I. RULES

PATNA, March 20: Reports of a debate in the Central Assembly have appeared in which certain members are stated to have said that they had a perfect right to dissuade people from investing in Defence Bonds or National Savings Certificates, states a Press Note issued by the Bihar Government.

In case the public are misled by these reports, the note adds, it is desirable, to bring to their attention the contents of D.I.R. 34 (S) (B) which makes it an offence to undermine public confidence in the national credit or in any Government plan or security or in any notes, coins or token which are legal tender in India or in any part thereof; or to prejudice the success of any financial measures taken or arrangements made by Government with a view to the efficient prosecution of the war."'—A. P.

Three Suburban Congressmen Released

(From Our Correspondent)

VILE PARLE, Monday.

Messrs. Naval Jerajani, G. D. Bhatt and Purushottam Kanji, who were under detention since 1942, have been released—the first from Nasik and the latter two from Yervada jails.

Four Destitutes Die

CALCUTTA, March 20: Four sick destitutes died yesterday in Calcutta hospitals—

A Cabinet Sub-Committee of seven Ministers have drawn up a comprehensive scheme for the rehabilitation of the people of the Province affected by last year's famine.

KALI NATH ROY AND EDITORS' CONFERENCE

BOMBAY, March 20: Mr. Kali Nath Roy, former editor of the "Tribune" of Lahore, has been elected Honorary Member of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference.—A. P.

Central Assembly

AMERICANS ESTABLISH 'NEW WASHINGTON' IN INDIA

Assam M.L.A. Says Britain, Dominions and U.S.A. Are Jointly Exploiting Country

NEW DELHI, March 20.

In the Assembly to-day, Mr. Neogy sought to move an adjournment motion to discuss "the enforcement of enhanced passenger fares by the East Indian Railway with effect from April 1 in spite of the decision of the Legislative Assembly to the contrary".

The Transport Member, Sir Edward Benthall, stated that the mover had drawn his attention to a newspaper advertisement inserted by the E. I. Railway to the effect that the enhanced fares would be charged from April 1. In the short time at his disposal, the Transport Member added, he had not been able to find the exact circumstances in which the notice was issued, but he assured the house that it was a purely routine notice inserted by the railway. It was possible that the railway were not informed of the statement he made in the Assembly on March 13 in reply to a question. He regretted that this purely routine notice should have given a wrong impression; but the position remained as he had stated on March 13 namely that as the proposal to increase railway fares formed part of Government's financial programme. They intended to consider the position when the proceedings relating to the general budget had been concluded and they hoped to announce their decision before the end of the session.

Dr. P. N. Bannerjea asked if the notification would be cancelled.

The Transport Member said he would consider what action was necessary to counter the impression created by the notice.

The chair held that in view of the explanation given by the Transport Member, the adjournment motion was not called for.

The Chair ruled out of order Mr. K. S. Gupta's adjournment motion to consider the Orissa Government's notification prohibiting public processions, meetings and assemblies for the purpose of criticising or discussing the Central Government's policy with regard to procurement and distribution of food grains. The Chair suggested it was a matter that could be discussed in the provincial legislature.

The Assembly resumed the debate on the Finance Bill.

Mr. T. T. Krishnamachari in a speech lasting nearly two hours criticised the new taxation proposals, the appointment of a number of experts in the various Government Departments, Government's policy in regard to the establishment of heavy industries in the country, the activities of the U. K. C. C., and I. C. I. and the immobilisation of India's sterling balances.

Referring to India's sterling balances and inflation in the country Mr. Krishnamachari said that the issues were no more academical. He alluded to a report that the Finance Member, the Governor of the Reserve Bank and the Economic Adviser proposed discussions. He voiced dissatisfaction at the failure of the Indian directors of the Reserve Bank to protect against the continuous increase in the sterling balances or against the gold sales.

Sir Frederick James, (European Group) devoted most of his speech to questions relating to the Indian Defence Services and paid a tribute to their "outstanding and gallant record.".

SYMBOL OF INDIA'S DEFENCE

Sir Frederick brought to the notice of the House certain grievances in the pay of ratings, and petty officers, and asked why their pays were still so low and had remained unchanged after the last war.

India's future needs in the matter of defence, he stated, would be a small and efficient army, a larger navy and a larger air force. Winds and waves would, he suggested, be the symbol of India's defence in future.

Sir Frederick said the various post-war reconstruction committees that had been set up by Government haphazardly with little relation to one another. He suggested that all these efforts should be drawn together under one general policy council or committee so that Government might be advised by this committee, which, he added, should be representative in a much larger sense than it was to-day.

NEW WASHINGTON IN INDIA

Mr. Abdur Rashid Chaudhury (Assam) said that as one who was coming from the "war zone" he had doubts if all that was necessary to defend the eastern frontiers of India was being undertaken by the Government.

Mr. Chaudhury asserted that the Finance Member wanted money not only himself but for others also. Everyone wanted to exploit India and it seems as though there was a partnership between H.M.G. the Dominions and the U.S.A. in the exploitation of India. The Americans, he said, had been given Assam Bengal Railway. They had put up a new town named New Washington in India with streets named after Roosevelt and Wilkie (laughter).

CHARGE AGAINST GOVT.

Sir Vithal Chandavarkar (Bombay) expressed surprise that in discussing Railway fares the argument was advanced on behalf of Government that the producers of many commodities in India were charging high prices and the Railways were the only service in which charges had not risen to anything like the extent of other services. Sir Vithal claimed that so far as the textile industry in Bombay was concerned the Bombay Millowners' Association had a clear conscience.

For from August, 1940, they had been urging on the Government to set up machinery which would bring production and prices under control; but Government did not care to institute any controls. So long as prices were low Government in fact wanted to exploit those low prices.

Industry could not be blamed if it was carried by the current of inflation in spite of itself (laughter).

It did not lie in the mouth of representatives of this Government to blame the industry, when the Government in 1940 allowed rice to go from Bengal to Japan, a potential enemy, and did not use country craft for the transport of commodities.

(Voices from the Opposition: Vote with us).

Sir Vithal retorted that if the Nationalists and others were prepared to run the Government better, than the present Government was doing, he would vote with them.

Sir Vithal referred to the sale of gold and he estimated that foreign countries had made a profit of about 15 crores from these transactions and he pointed out that if these profits or even a share of them had accrued to India, it would ease the pressure on her finance and increased taxation might to a large extent have been unnecessary.

He had not concluded when the House rose till to-morrow.—A. P.

CULTURAL TRENDS IN MODERN IRAN

Physical Culture And New Theatre Movement Forge Ahead: Academy For Maintaining Purity Of Persian Language

The Iranian Cultural Mission visited the Journalists' Association of India on Monday. The leader of the Mission, His Excellency Ali Asghar Hikmat and Professor Rashid Yesemi gave brief talks.

Mr. S. A. Brelvi who presided welcomed them. He said "The Mission has strongly emphasised the fact that they are not strangers among us, for Iranians and Indians are like brothers. We also feel the same and welcome them as brothers."

Mr. Brelvi regretted that the Mission could not be welcomed on behalf of the people of this country, for most of the national leaders were behind prison bars. Just as the leaders were not free, the country too was not free, and so the mission could not be given the welcome of a Free India.

The Mission, he said, had come to study the culture of India and to make cultural contact. But, it must be remembered that the culture of a people could not make much progress if the country was in bondage.

According to Mr. Brelvi, in recent and modern times, two factors stood out prominently, the lack of contact among the peoples and nations of Asia and the domination by Europe of the East and these two factors more than others were the cause of the present war.

In any attempt to abolish wars, these two factors must be borne in mind. It was of the greatest importance that all Asiatic countries should be united together not only culturally but also politically into a federation of nations.

Any peace proposals in the future would fail if the freedom of India, and the federation of the countries of Asia were not accomplished.

PRESS IN IRAN

The leader of the Mission replying to the welcome spoke about the position of the press in Iran, and the status of women and of education.

He said that the centre of press activities as well as of intellectual and political life was Teheran. The dailies, weeklies, and periodicals coming out of Teheran were about 60 to 70 in number.

Since the constitution of Iran was democratic, the press enjoyed great liberty and was a power to be reckoned with. There was a sense of unity and organisation among journalists who always fought for each other in a concerted manner for common ends.

There was a general interest in newspapers evinced by all classes of people in Iran—including the peasants and artisans.

He referred to the establishment of modern theatres, the translations of dramas from French, English and other European writers and the adaptation and dramatisation of their old lyrical and other classics.

Adverting to the position of women in modern Iran, the speaker said that primary and university education were co-educational. There were Iranian women who practised as doctors, lawyers and teachers, and many of them had continental degrees. Every, encouragement was given to the women, for modern Iranians realised that to paralyse women who constituted one-half of the society, was to paralyse the whole society and strangle progress.

The present King of Iran, he said encouraged all sports and games and all leaders took keen interest in the subject of sports and the physical well-being of the youth of Iran.

In conclusion, he referred to the subject of education. Iran had its own University, with medical, law, science, arts and technical colleges attached to it. They had about 400 high schools and more than 5,000 primary schools in addition to the old system of education under the Mullas.

The aim of the Government was free and compulsory education and the only obstacle was want of enough teachers to execute it in whole.

Mr. Yesemi of the Academy of Persia spoke about the Academy whose function was to preserve the purity of their language and enrich it.

He thought the domination of the culture of one country by that of another was more dangerous than the political domination of one country by another.

The academy which was founded about 8 years ago was composed of about 50 members—all of whom were scholars and intellectuals. They found synonyms, for foreign technical words, coined new ones, and accepted foreign words, rarely, when such acceptance was not against the genius of their own language.

Mr. J. M. Ghate proposed a vote of thanks to the Mission.

Prior to the meeting at the Journalist Association, the members of the Mission were entertained to a tea-party at the Taj by the Consul for Iran. During the day, they visited the University Department of Chemical Technology, Matunga, the Municipal Office, the Bombay Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society and the Cama Oriental Institute.

WAR-TIME RISE IN PRICE LEVELS

NEW DELHI, March 20.

Replying to a question by Mr. K. S. Gupta regarding price level today compared with what prevailed three years ago, the Finance Member said that the general index number of wholesale prices in India, taking the prices prevailing on August 19, 1939, as hundred, was 118.8 in March 1941 and 235.2 on March 11, 1944, the increase being 98 per cent in the last three years.

The Finance Member said, taking the levels on August 19, 1939, as 100 the agricultural commodities index number on March 11, 1944, was 256.7 as against manufactured articles index number on March 11, 1944, which was 256.7. The general index number of wholesale prices reached its peak in June 1943 since when various measures taken to combat inflation succeeded in checking rise and there had been a downward tendency.—United Press.

"Rast Rahbar"

In the Navroze number of the 'Rast Rahbar' a Gujerati weekly of Bombay run by an ultra-'Reformist' section of the Parsis," there is much food—mental, of course—which will go a long way towards appeasing the hunger of the average reader in these days of rationing. In the English section the articles that will prove thought-provoking are contributed among others, by Filambean on "Uplift Plan for Parsis:" "10,000-crore plan" (by Prof. A. S. Wadia); "The wheel has come Full Cycle" (by Madame Sophia Wadia); "Air-Conditioned" by Khwaja Ahmed Abbas, "Inside Japan" (by Mr. N. J. Nanporia); "A Community declines"—needless to say which one she has chosen for her theme—by Frene Talyarkhan; "National Education," (by Prof. A. R. Wadia); "Parsi War Industry," (by Dr. Behram Mehta); "Missed Opportunities" (by Prof. I. J. S. Taraporewala.)

The Gujarati section is enriched by Messrs. R. R. Marshall, V. Sheth; and N. P. G. and "Mana". A number of illustrations and a charming frontispiece provide a good value for rupee one. The number is published from 21, Dalal Street, Bombay 1.

FRAGMENT OF BONE OF BUDDHA

CALCUTTA, March 20: A fragment of a bone of Lord Buddha, discovered a quarter of a century ago in the Pipparava cave (Hyderabad) and recently presented to the Mahabodhi Society by a high Buddhist priest of Ceylon will be an exhibit in an exposition of Buddhist relics to be organised here on May 7 in connection with the celebration of the "Vaishakha-Purnima".

TRAMWAY WORKERS' DEMANDS

Mayor Asked To Impress Company With Justice Of Their Cause

The threatened strike of the B. E. S. and T. Company's workers with the resultant "dislocation of traffic and great hardships to the public" was discussed at a meeting of the Municipal Corporation, on Monday, Mr. M. R. Masani, the Mayor, was in the chair.

The Corporation unanimously resolved to request the Mayor to impress upon the management and the workers of the company the advisability of coming to an amicable settlement of the dispute on the demands of the workers for which they had been negotiating for the last several months.

Mr. Motichand Kapadia, Leader of the Congress Party, moving the resolution stated that if there was a strike, then there would be difficulties of transport. The company was a public utility company and, without going into the merits of the case, he stated that the matter should be settled in the ordinary way.

Mr. I. S. Patel, seconding the resolution, said that the result of the secret ballot was that 74 per cent of the workers were in favour of a strike.

Mr. D. V. Pradhan, supporting the resolution, observed that while the total income of the company had increased since 1935, there was no corresponding increase in expenditure or benefit to the workers, though the company paid a dividend of 12 per cent to the share-holders.

Mr. K. N. Joglekar supporting the resolution said that the grievances of the workers were just and their leaders were moderate and fair-minded. Passenger traffic had now increased to four-times the pre-war figure and, with that, the work of the employees' had increased.

Mr. A. H. Mirza, supporting the resolution, stated that the workers had a 100 per cent justifiable case. Were it not for the statutory legislation, there would have been a strike by now. He thought that a more serious view of the situation should be taken.

Mr. Mohanlal Desai supporting the resolution, said that the main demand of the workers was an increase in dearness allowance. That demand might be genuine but it was necessary to know the other side of the shield. The matters might be judged in a better manner after a conference with the representatives concerned in the dispute.

Messrs. Munshi Patekhan and Coover Ji Shah also supported the resolution which was unanimously passed.

A large number of B. E. S. and T. workers keenly watched the debate.

The resolution expressing the opinion that the convention of electing the Mayor by communal rotation should be abolished (discussed at an earlier meeting) was withdrawn.

CHUNGKING'S POPULATION

Chungking's total population is 950,614 with 589,489 males and 361,125 females, according to the latest statistics compiled by the Chungking Municipal Government. The density of population now is 3,367 to one square kilometre.

TÊTE-À-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

"No one with the slightest sense of reality can deny that the Muslim League carries with it the support of the overwhelming majority of Muslims . . . . Pakistan must be thought of as a child of the Independence resolution passed in 1929 by the Congress."

—A 'Muslim' Communist writing in "People's War."

Mr. Jinnah also warned the Communist party to keep their hands off the Muslims. They did not want any flag other than the League Flag and Islam was their guide and the complete code for their life. They did not want any 'isms'.

—Report of Mr. Jinnah's Lahore report.

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The Government of India are going to appoint an "Indian political warfare officer" carrying a salary of 900 rupees a month.

Aren't the official members, the Nominated M.L.A.'s, the Knights and Bahadurs, the Sarmas and the Ghiasuddins enough to carry on the "political warfare on behalf of the Government?

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The Allies are still pondering the when and the where of it, but Mount Vesuvius has already started the Second Front in Italy.

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Here is an interesting logical syllogism.

The Atlantic Charter does not apply to India.

The Atlantic Charter does not apply to Germany.

Therefore, India is like Germany.

Q. E. D.—or, rather, R.I.P.

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS (Perpetrated By The Junior Colleague)

(1) *The Atlantic Charter has finally expired—so announces an obituary notice in the New York "Time".*

(2) *Chief mourners were President Roosevelt, Marshal Stalin and Edward Benes of Czechoslovakia.*

(3) *Gravediggers were the well-known firm of international undertakers—Winston Churchill and Co.*

(4) *Condolence messages sympathising with the chief mourners were received from Hitler and Tojo.*

(5) *The coffin was covered with the Union Jack, the Stars and the Stripes and the Red Flag—but the Indian tricolour was not allowed to be laid over. In death, as in life, the Atlantic Charter did not apply to India.*

(6) *In all the capitals of the Allied nations, flags were flown at high mast as a mark of respect to the deceased—except in London where the Premier has ordered an Empire Day celebration.*

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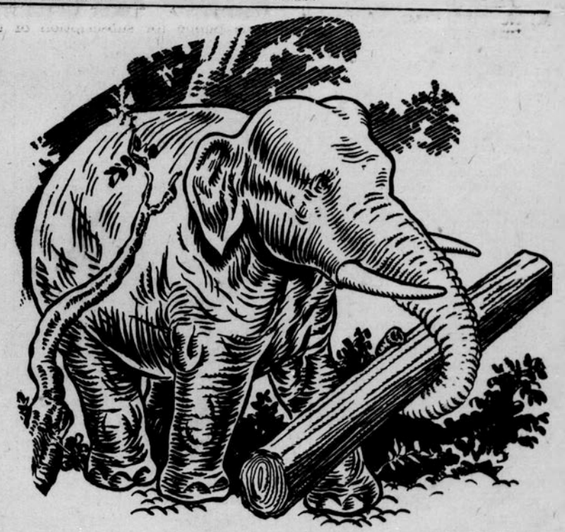
"How a smart policeman endowed with a strong sense of smell outwitted a clever smuggler in illicit liquor and arrested him was told in the Girgaum police court to-day . . ."

—Local report.

He certainly has a nose for the news!



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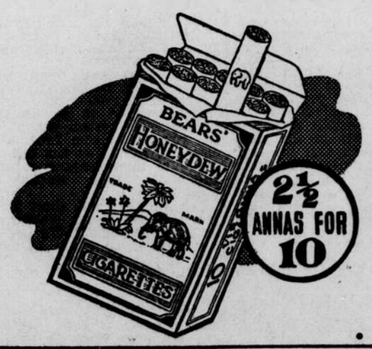

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(Incorporated in Travancore under the Travancore Companies Act IX of 1114).

No. 40 of 1119 dated 7th March, 1944.

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(2) 2,00,000 Ordinary Shares of Rs. 5|- each Rs. 10,00,000

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AND

750 6% Travancore tax-free Debentures of Rs. 500|- each Rs. 3,75,000

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PREFERENCE SHARES

The Preference Shares carry the right to a fixed cumulative preferential dividend at the rate of 7% per annum, from the date of allotment, payable free of Travancore Income-Tax and any agricultural or other tax which are or may be levied in Travancore, with the right in any winding up to repayment of capital and arrears of dividend, if any, whether declared or not in priority to the Ordinary Shares, but not to participate in any further profits or assets of the Company.

DEBENTURES

The debentures constitute but 33 1|3% of the total funds sought to be raised and will be redeemed over a period of six years, from the 1st January, 1950, on the terms and conditions as provided hereunder:—

(a) The debentures will be issued in the form of bearer bonds and will carry interest at the rate of 6% (free of Travancore Income-tax), calculated from the date of allotment.

(b) Such interest will be paid half-yearly, on the 30th of June and 31st December every year, the first of such payments to be made on the 31st December 1944.

(c) The debentures will be secured by a first mortgage to Trustees for Debenture Holders, on the immovable properties of the Company, and by a floating charge on all the other general assets of the Company.

(d) No further issue of the debentures will be made ranking in priority to or 'pari passu' with the present issue of Rs. 3,75,000.

(e) One of the Debenture Trustees shall 'ex-officio' be a Director of the Company.

Redemption Terms:—

(1) The debentures are not redeemable until 1st January, 1950.

(2) Towards amortisation of debentures a Sinking Fund will be created to which a sum of not less than Rs. 20,000|- will be contributed annually from the profits of the Company from 1946.

(3) On and after the 1st January 1946, however, the Directors will have the option to purchase from the market for cancellation any or all of the debentures as they become available, either at a discount, at par, or at a premium utilising the amounts available out of the Sinking Fund for the purpose.

(4) The remaining debentures either wholly or in part will be redeemed, at any time after 1st January 1950 at the discretion of the Directors, at par, but not later than the 31st January, 1956.

(5) Such redemption will be made in annual instalments, by drawing lots commencing from 1st January 1950, subject to the proviso that three months' prior notice is given, of such drawings, to the holders of debentures, ending with an interest payment date.

TRUSTEES FOR THE DEBENTURE HOLDERS

1. J. R. Motishaw, Esq., Messrs. J. R. Motishaw & Co., Stock, Share & Finance Brokers, Apollo Street, Bombay.
2. K. C. Thomas, Esq., B.A., Karottu House, Kottayam.

ALLOTMENT

The Directors, Managing Agents, and their friends have applied for 2,500 shares Preference, and 20,000 shares Ordinary and applications are hereby invited from the public for subscription of the balance of 22,500 Preference and 80,000 Ordinary Shares.

In making allotment, the Directors propose to give priority for applications for Debentures, Preference Shares and Ordinary Shares in the same proportion in which they are issued and no application for shares for less than the face value of Rs. 250 will be entertained.

DIRECTORS

1. A. D. Vincent, Esq., Planter, Kutikal, Mundakayam, Director, The Pullangode Rubber & Produce, Ltd., The Nenmeny Rubber & Produce Co., Ltd., The Rajagiri Rubber & Produce Co. Ltd.
2. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan, Esq., Merchant, Cochin, Member, Legislative Council, Cochin, Managing Proprietor, Goverdhan Hathibhai & Co., Managing Director, Indo Mercantile Bank, Ltd. Cochin, Director Cochin State Power and Light Corporation Ltd.
3. K. V. Mathew, Planter, Kollamkulam, Kanjirappally, Chairman, The Indian Rubber Licensing Committee, Member, The Indian Rubber Production Board, Director, The Pullikanam Tea Estates Ltd., Director, The Gokul Rubber & Tea Plantations, Ltd.
4. K. C. Thomas, Esq., B.A., Karottu House, Kottayam, Chief Inspector to the Association of Planters of Travancore.
5. Kurian Abraham, Esq., Merchant & Planter, Kottayam, Managing Proprietor, Kurian Abraham & Co., Managing Director, Ooppoottil Kurian & Co., Ltd.

MANAGING AGENTS

Messrs. Ooppoottil Kurian & Co., Ltd., Kottayam, Travancore.

REGISTERED OFFICE

Kottayam, Travancore.

BANKERS

1. The Central Bank of India, Ltd., Alleppy.
2. The Indo Mercantile Bank, Ltd., Cochin.
3. The Presidency Bank, Ltd., Kottayam.
4. The Travancore Forward Bank, Ltd., Kottayam.

AUDITORS

1. Messrs. Hariharan & Co., Registered Accountants, 61, Stock Exchange Buildings, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay.
2. V. K. Cherian, Esq., B. Com. (Bombay), Certified Auditor, Kottayam.

BROKERS AND UNDERWRITERS

1. Messrs. J. R. Motishaw & Co., Stock, Share & Finance Brokers, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay.
2. P. R. Subramanyam, Esq., M.A., Stock, Share & Finance Broker. 61, Stock Exchange Building, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay.
3. The Hindustan Corporation, Stock & Share Brokers, Post Box No. 262, 308—309 Linghi Chetty Street, Madras.
4. The Universal Planting Agencies, Kottayam.

LEGAL ADVISERS

Messrs. V. J. Joseph & Markos, Lawyers, Kottayam.

OBJECTS

The Company has been formed for the purposes set out in the Memorandum of Association (a copy of which together with the names of the signatories thereto is annexed to and forms part of the prospectus) and primarily with the object of acquiring the Rubber Estate known as VAILAMULLAY ESTATE in South Travancore belonging to the Mundakayam Valley Rubber Company, Ltd., (Incorporated in England, having its Registered Office at London).

An agreement has been entered into between the said Mundakayam Valley Rubber Co., Ltd., and Mr. C. I. Kurian, Kottayam, whereby the said company has agreed to sell their Vailamullay Estate together with all Buildings, Machinery, equipments, etc., to the said Mr. C. I. Kurian or his nominee for a consideration of Rs. 10,00,000|-. A further agreement has been entered into between the said Mr. C. I. Kurian and Mr. C. K. Isaac on behalf of this Company, whereby the former has agreed to sell or procure the sale of the said estate to this Company for the same price, in consideration of an amount of Rs. 25,000|- to be paid to him to cover his initial expenses and efforts in connection with the sale.

PARTICULARS OF PROPERTY

The Vailamullay Estate is situated in the Kalkulam and Thovala Taluks in South Travancore, a most reputed rubber growing area in South India. The site is 42 miles from Trivandrum, and 6 miles from Thuckalay. A good government road runs up to 2 miles of the estate from where there is a cartable road running right into the estate. The roads within the estate measure 3½ miles.

The estate has an elevation of about 1,000 feet above mean sea level and an average annual rainfall of 73 inches. These are ideal conditions for the cultivation of rubber, and in fact few other rubber growing areas are so well suited for its cultivation than this one. The neighbouring estate is Mukampala belonging to the Midland Rubber and Produce Co., Ltd., and other rubber producing companies like the Vaikundam Co., Ltd. and the Kailas Rubber Co., Ltd. own estates in the same district.

ACREAGE

The Acreage distribution is as follows:—

	acres.
Mature seedling rubber area	378.05
New budded rubber area	461.29
	839.34
Food crops, etc., area	37.00
Uncultivated Reserve and Fuel lands	185.07
Total	1,061.41

The new areas of 461.29 acres are budded with outstanding clones such as T.J.R.I. & B.D. 5 and there is still an untapped area of over 227 acres of budded rubber. Of this about 55 acres will come into bearing this year and the major portion of the balance within 2 to 3 years. This is proof positive of the potential increase in the output of rubber year by year.

Estate buildings consist of a first class fully furnished European bungalow, two factories one of which has been recently built, Writers' quarters, Cooly lines, Smoke houses, packing shed and other outhouses. The buildings are all in sound condition and the machinery and equipment up-to-date and enough to tackle the increasing crop so that no capital expenditure on this account will be required in the near future.

CROP

The actual crop harvested during the previous years were as follows:—

1940|41	217,274 lbs.
1941|42	245,286 ,,
1942|43	250,840 ,,
Estimated crop for 1943|44	264,800 ,,

For the current year 1944-45 the estimated production is 335,000 lbs.

PROSPECTS

The soil and climatic conditions on Vailamullay are so eminently suited for rubber that the present owners were able to harvest about 650 lbs. per acre from ordinary seedling rubber. This is one of the highest yields recorded for seedling rubber in S. India. It is only natural therefore to expect that with Budded rubber comprised of outstanding clones the crop should easily exceed 1,000 lbs. per acre within the next 3 or 4 years when only the trees would attain full maturity.

Considering the appreciable annual increase in yields for about 225 acres of budded rubber which has been under tapping only for a very few years and seeing that 55 acres more will be available for tapping in 1944 and that the high tapping cuts in the mature area are gradually coming down the increase in crop for 1944 should be very pronounced. The estimate is taken, however, at the conservative figure of 3,35,000 lbs.

In this connection Mr. R.F.H. Crowther, one of the most experienced rubber Planters in South India and the present Visiting Agent to the Estate, has recorded as follows:—

"It is my opinion and firm belief that with favourable conditions, within the next three or four years the new areas (461.29 acres) should give 1,000 lbs. per acre as it is only then they will be in their maximum production condition. I have no doubt having been connected with the estate for the last 27 years that given good weather condition you can bring the production up to about 3,35,000 lbs. in 1944, with the trees that will be also available for tapping in that year.'

ESTIMATE

The average sale proceeds for sheet and scrap rubber realisable under the Rubber Control and Production Order, 1942, are taken for purposes of estimating the Company's earnings, at 74 cents per lb. and the all-in-cost at 30 cents per lb. giving due allowance for the general increase in cost including taxes and other contingencies. On this basis the net profit on 335,000 lbs. rubber would amount to Rs. 1,47,400|- which after debenture interest, Preference share dividend, etc. would leave a balance of Rs. 1,00,030|- representing a little over 20% on the Ordinary share capital of the Company as will be seen from the following:—

	Rs.	Rs.
Estimated crop 336,000 lbs. at 74 cents per lb		2,47,900
Less Cost of production, Office expenses, taxes and other contingencies at 30 cents	1,00,500	
Managing Agents' commission at 5 per cent	7,370	
Debenture Interest at 6 per cent....	22,500	
Preference Dividend at 7 per cent....	17,500	1,47,870
Balance		Rs. 1,00,030

Say, 20 per cent. on the ordinary share capital.

Moreover, the Directors are of opinion that in view of the recent rumours about the increasing of rubber price to about 87.5 cents or 14 annas per lb. by the Government of India there is the possibility of the net profits of the Company exceeding the figure estimated above, to a substantial extent which means that a further percentage of profits may become available for distribution to the ordinary shareholders. The Ceylon Government has already enhanced the price of rubber and it is confidently expected that the Government of India will also sanction a similar enhancement in the price of rubber.

It is therefore felt with confidence that the management, after meeting all the usual and necessary expenses and also the prior charges by way of Preference dividend and debenture interest, will easily be able to pay a substantial dividend to the ordinary shareholders, even in respect of the year 1944.

It should also be remembered that with the rapid increase in yield and with over 227 acres of budded rubber still to come under tapping THE CROP FROM THE BUDDED AREAS ALONE SHOULD EXCEED 4,50,000 LBS. BY ABOUT 1948, not to speak of the other advantages. It could therefore be confidently expected that the increased production of rubber mentioned above would be quite sufficient to augment the redemption fund towards amortization of the Debenture Capital.

CAPITALISATION

The purchase consideration of Rs. 10,25,000|- may be capitalised as follows:—

	Rs.
378.05 acres seedling rubber @ Rs. 775	2,92,950
461.29 acres budded rubber @ Rs. 1,250	5,76,612
222 acres comprising of food crops, fuel lands and uncultivated land suitable for rubber @ Rs. 350	77,700
Buildings, Machinery, etc.	78,900
Total Rs.	10,25,262

It will be noted from the above figures that nearly 55% of the planted area is under budded rubber and the rest under seedling rubber. The average capitalisation per area of budded rubber is only Rs. 1,250|- which is definitely on the low side when compared to some of the other recent floatation

Advantageous as these figures of capitalisation are, they will be still further reduced, when the debentures amounting to 33-1|3% of the issued capital are eventually redeemed through the operation of the Sinking Fund.

PAYMENT TO VENDORS AND DISPOSAL OF CAPITAL MONEY

The proposed allocation of the issued and subscribed capital is as follows:

		Rs.
1.	Purchase price payable to the vendors, the Mundakayam Valley Rubber Co., Ltd., Rs. 10,00,000 plus the amount of Rs. 25,000|- payable to Mr. C. I. Kurian	10,25,000
2.	Preliminary expenses such as registration, conveyance, advertisements, legal charges, etc. (estimated) ..	40,000
3.	Underwriting commission payable on Preference Shares worth Rs. 2,50,000|- Ordinary Shares worth Rs. 5,00,000|- and Debentures worth Rs. 3,75,000|-, at 3½% ..	39,375
4.	Working Capital ..	20,525
	Total Rs.	11,25,000

MINIMUM SUBSCRIPTION

The whole of the present issue of Capital. The balance money for the purchase of the Estate, preliminary and other expenses and working capital will be found from the proceeds of the Debentures.

DIRECTORS' QUALIFICATION AND REMUNERATION

The qualification of a Director other than an Ex-officio Director shall be the holding of any shares of the face value of Rs. 2,500|- in the Company. Every Director shall be entitled to a sitting fee of Rs. 25|- for every meeting of the Board or any Committee attended by him in addition to reasonable travelling and other expenses incurred by him for such attendance or in connection with any additional work undertaken for the Company.

DIRECTORS' INTEREST

Mr. Kurian Abraham is interested as the Managing Director of Messrs. Ooppoottil Kurian & Co., Ltd., Managing Agents of the Company. None of the other Directors is interested except to the extent of his holding of shares in the Company and the fees he may receive from the Company.

MANAGEMENT

Subject to the control and supervision of the Directors the management of the Company will be in the hands of Messrs. Ooppoottil Kurian & Co., Ltd., who are appointed under the articles as Managing Agents for a period of ten years. The Company will enter into an agreement with the said Ooppoottil Kurian & Co., Ltd., in terms of the draft agreement subscribed by Messrs. V. J. Joseph & Markos, Lawyers, Kottayam, for purposes of identification. The said Managing Agents while in office shall be paid (1) an office allowance of Rs. 500|- per mensem payable at the end of each month and (2) a remuneration of 5 per cent of the net annual profits of the Company subject to a minimum of Rs. 4,000|-.

The above mentioned office allowance of Rs. 500|- per mensem shall be exclusive of all salaries or wages of Superintendents, Clerks, or other employees engaged on the Estates or outside agencies by the Managing Agents for the Company's business and all remuneration and wages which shall be payable to Solicitors, Accountants, Auditors, or Bankers, Engineers, Experts, Commission Agents, Dealers, Brokers or official servants or workmen who may be employed by the Managing Agents as authorised by the Directors and on behalf of the Company.

"Net profits" shall have the meaning given to it in Section 106 (3) of the Travancore Companies Act.

The Managing Agents shall be entitled to appoint any one person whether holding qualification shares or not as Ex-officio Director who shall have the same powers and be entitled to the same remuneration as other Directors but shall not be liable to retirement by rotation or to removal by Extraordinary Resolution.

VOTING RIGHTS & RESTRICTION ON TRANSFERS

On a show of hands every shareholder present in person shall have one vote; on a poll every shareholder present in person or by proxy shall have one vote for every share held by him. No restrictions have been imposed upon the members in respect of the right to transfer shares except such as are provided in Table A of Schedule I of the Travancore Companies Act.

PRELIMINARY EXPENSES

The preliminary expenses excluding brokerage and underwriting commission but inclusive of conveyance and registration fees are estimated at Rs. 40,000|- which will be borne by the Company.

BROKERAGE & UNDERWRITING

Messrs. J. R. Motishaw & Co., Stock & Share Brokers, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay, Mr. P. R. Subramoniam, M.A., Stock & Share Broker, 61, Stock Exchange Buildings, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay, the Hindustan Corporation, Stock & Share Brokers, 308, 309 Linghi Chetty Street, Madras, and The Universal Planting Agencies, Kottayam have between them underwritten the entire issue of Rs. 11,25,000|- at a commission of 3½%. The Directors are of opinion that the resources of the above Underwriters are sufficient to discharge their respective underwriting obligations.

PARTICULARS OF CONTRACTS

1. Agreement of sale dated 28-1-1944 and made between the Mundakayam Valley Rubber Company Ltd., of the one part and Mr. C. I. Kurian, Kottayam, of the other part.
2. Agreement dated 15-1-'44 between the said C.I. Kurian of the one part and Mr. C. K. Isaac, Kottayam on behalf of the Company of other part.
3. Underwriting letter dated 22-1-'44 from Messrs. J. R. Motishaw & Co., Bombay, in favour of Mr. Kurian Abraham.
4. Underwriting letter dated 24-1-'44 from Mr. P. R. Subramoniam, M.A., Bombay, in favour of Mr. Kurian Abraham.
5. Underwriting Agreement dated 22-1-'44 from the Hindustan Corporation, Madras, in favour of Mr. Kurian Abraham.
6. Underwriting letter dated 24-1-'44 from The Universal Planting Agencies, Kottayam, in favour of Mr. Kurian Abraham.
7. Draft Managing Agency Agreement.
8. Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company.

INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS

Originals or copies of the Agreements and underwriting letters above referred to and copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company defining the constitution thereof, the Travancore Companies Act, IX of 1114, including Table A are available for inspection, at the Registered Office of the Company, and at the Offices of the Company's Brokers.

GENERAL

Application form for shares and debentures is appended hereto and intending subscribers may utilise these forms or similar ones typewritten. Additional forms and copies of the full prospectus may be had from the Registered Office of the Company, its Bankers and Brokers. (Cost per prospectus one anna). Each application should be accompanied by a remittance tor the full amount payable on the shares and|or debentures applied for and forwarded to the Registered Office of the Company or to the Company's Brokers or Managing Agents.

The Directors, however, reserve to themselves the right to reject, wholly or in part, or allot a smaller number of shares and or debentures applied for, in the case of any application, without assigning any reason whatsoever for doing so. Where no allotment is made, the amount of deposit received with the application will be refunded in full, and where the number allotted is less than the number applied for, the surplus amount of deposit will be returned.

1. A. D. Vincent
2. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan
3. K. V. Mathew
4. K. C. Thomas
5. Kurian Abraham

Kottayam,
Dated 7th March, 1944.

Form of Application

To

THE DIRECTORS
THE VELIMALAI RUBBER CO., LTD.,
KOTTAYAM, TRAVANCORE.

Gentlemen,

I/We beg to hand you herewith the sum of Rupees .....

being a deposit of { Rs. 5/- per share on .....Ordinary Shares / Rs. 10/- per share on .....Preference Shares / Rs. 500/- per Debenture on .....Debentures

in the above named Company, and I/We request you to allot me/us that number of shares and/or Debentures on the terms of the Company's Prospectus and the Memorandum and Articles of Association and I/we agree to accept the same or any smaller number that may be allotted to me/us and I/we authorise you to register me/us as the holder of shares and/or Debentures allotted to me/us hereunder.

Name in full (Mr. Mrs., or Miss).....

Address .....

Description .....

Date ..... *Signature*

THE VELIMALAI RUBBER COMPANY, LIMITED

(Incorporated in Travancore with limited liability)

KOTTAYAM TRAVANCORE.

Receipt for deposit on Application

RECEIVED this .....day of .....1944 on account of The Velimalai Rubber Co., Ltd. from .....the sum of Rupees.....in cash|by cheque on..... subject to realisation being a deposit of { Rs. 5/- per share on.... Ordinary Shares of Rs. 5/- each, / Rs 10/- per share on..Preference shares of Rs 10/- each, / Rs. 500/- per Debenture on..Debentures of Rs 500/- each, } in the above Company.

FOR THE VELIMALAI RUBBER COMPANY LTD.,
OOPPOOTTIL KURIAN & CO LTD.,
Managing Agents.

CITY AND SUBURBS

TO-DAY

Hindu: Falgun Vad 12, 2000
Muslim: Rabi-ul-Avval 25, 1363
Parsi: Meher 19, 1313
Sunrise: 7-44 a.m. Sunset: 7-48 p.m.
Hightide: 9-05, 22-07. Lowtide: 3-25, 15-15
Improvement Trust 2-30 p.m.

To-day's Engagements

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Special Meeting to celebrate the Anniversary of W. Q. Judge, Jehangir Wadia Building, Flora Fountain today (Tuesday) 6-15 p.m.

PASALI ATASHKADEH CELEBRATION: To-day (Tuesday) Anniversary and Naoroz Celebration at New Marine Lines at 10-30 a.m. (N. S. T.). Jashan Ceremony will be performed by Dasturji Bode followed by a sermon on Naoroz.

PRARTHANA SAMAJ 77TH ANNIVERSARY: To-day (Tuesday) 6 p.m. Lecture in Marathi by Prof. N. R. Phatak on "The Present Day Confusion of Thought" 7 p.m. Bhajan Programme by the pupils of the Ram Mohan [illegible]

INDIAN FEDERATION OF LABOUR: Meeting of Bombay Committee Servants' of India Society Hall at 6 p.m. to consider the Bombay Government's Plan for the procurement of food grains.

GITA CLASSES, SION: The final Session of the Course of Lectures by Nyaya Vedanta Vidwan M. R. Gopalacharya, will be held at 34 A "Shri Nivas", Sion, to-day (Tuesday) at 6 p.m. (S. T.)

SUNRISE MEETING: Naoroz Festival will be celebrated at Mazdaznan Hall, to-day (Tuesday) at 7-30 a.m. Mother Gloria will preside.

SIR HOMI MEHTA'S RADIO TALK: Sir Homi Mehta, Chairman of the Red Cross League, will broadcast a review of the Red Cross Week, from All-India Radio, Bombay at 8-20 p.m. on Wednesday, March 22.—A. P.

3 ARTS JASHNE NOWROZ INDIAN CLASSICAL MUSIC RECITAL: To-day (Tuesday) at 4-30 at the Cathedral Girls School Hall, Napier Road, Fort. Nadkarni Bros. of the Datta Sangit Vidyalaya will present Multani Song by Datta, Bhimpalasi Dilruba Solo by Parab, Malkaus Flute Solo by Ramakant, Purya Dhanashri Song by Mrs. Marathe, Bihag Sarangi Solo by Natu, Durga by full Orchestra, Dances by Apsara, Atiya Begum will welcome. I. A. Makani will thank. All cordially welcome by obtaining entry vouchers from—41350 and Kal-[illegible]

SECOND CRIMINAL SESSION OPENS

BOMBAY, Monday.

The Second Criminal Sessions of the Bombay High Court commenced on Monday presided over by the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Coyajee. There was a board of 28 cases of which 8 were on the charge of murder.

On the Calendar of Prisoners for trial were, a Chinese man and a Bhutanese lady charged with the procuration of minor girls and with living on the earnings of prostitution, two Europeans charged with murder, and a Javanese charged with the offence of attempt to murder.

On the taking of pleas, none of the 34 accused pleaded guilty but all of them claimed to be tried.

After the taking of pleas, his Lordship commenced the hearing of the case in which Abdul Rehman Hussein, a coolie, stood charged with having robbed one Gulam Mahomed Mahomedalli a salt merchant aged 70 and with having caused him grievous hurt with a dangerous weapon. The hearing of that case is proceeding.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH

"Accidental death caused by drowning in the sea at Chowpatty", was the verdict passed by the Coroner's jury, on Monday at the inquest on the body of S. M. Achari, sixty, which was found lying on the Chowpatty sands [illegible]

MAJOR GULLILAND FILES APPEAL

BOMBAY, Monday.

A revision application filed by Major C. C. Gulliland, Secretary of the Royal Western India Turf Club against his conviction under the Defence of India Rules for breach of the Bombay Government's notification requiring declarations and returns of foodstocks alleged to have been held by Him was admitted today by Mr. Justice Divetia and Mr. Justice Lokur.

BUS QUEUE CASE ACCUSED DISCHARGED

Remarking that the prosecution evidence was conflicting, Mr. D. S. Babrekar, Presidency Magistrate of the Girgaum Police Court to-day discharged a person who was put up before him in a B.E.S.T. bus queue case. The accused was arrested at Golpitha on March 19.

CHARGED WITH RECEIVING B. E. S. T. COUPONS STOLEN FROM PRESS

Deputy Inspector Patankar of the Princess Street Police Station arrested on Sunday, fifteen restaurant proprietors and "pan" shop-keepers on charges of receiving stolen property.

The stolen property was 2,000 half-anna B.E.S.T. coupon booklets which were part of a printing order placed at the Krishna Printing Press at Margaldas Road.

that these books were being stolen from time to time and sold to the arrested men by two boys employed at the press.

The arrested men were placed before Mr. R. Mathalone, Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade Police Court, where they were ordered to be released on a bail of Rs. 200 each.

ALLEGED ASSAULT AT CITY MEETING:

BOMBAY, Sunday.

An attempt was made to disturb the proceeding of a street corner meeting, that was organised on behalf of the Radical Democratic Party, this evening near the Dhan Mill Naka. Mr. R. S. Deshpande was addressing the meeting. It is alleged, some persons shouted and abused Mr. M. N. Roy. It is further alleged Mr. Deshpande was assaulted. The Police arrested two persons. Later on Mr. Deshpande was also arrested but subsequently was released on bail.

B. P. MUSLIM LEAGUE: Public meeting will be held on 23rd inst., at 10 p.m. at Kaisar Baugh (Dongri) to celebrate Pakistan Day. On 21st and 22nd inst., the Muslim National Guards of Bombay will take out a procession on cycles in celebration of Pakistan Day, and on 23rd inst., they will collect funds by selling Pakistan

Selections For Today's Races

GINGER BOY POSSESSES OUTSTANDING CHANCE IN WILLINGDON PLATE

(From Our Racing Correspondent)

The ten events framed for the Parsi holiday (Jamshedi Nowroze) have attracted good fields. The Willingdon Plate and the Champagne Stakes figure as the special attractions. In the former event, the Maharaja of Gwalior's Ginger Boy is fancied to win and in the latter, King's Jester should beat off Sunbathing.

The following are my selections:—

1st race: Highland Lad 1. Kama 2. A La Grande 3.

2nd race. Noble Duke 1. Patriot 2. Faithful 3.

3rd race: Scotch Mist 1. Prince Hamid 2. Prominent 3.

4th race: Awadh Farhan 1. Solferino 2. Peter 3.

5th race: Sardar Saheb 1. Passing Bell 2. Osman Pasha 3.

6th race: King's Jester 1. Sunbathing 2. Cyrenaica 3.

7th race: Ginger Boy 1. Apsapi 2. Magic Mount 3.

8th race: Dahman Ramzi 1. Asman Tara 2. Firpo 3.

9th race: Malik al Jiyad 1. Chauve Souris 2. Intidhar al Shabab 3.

10th race: Jai-Vilas 1. Lidse[illegible]n 2.

G. I. P. RAILWAY RETAINS LEWIS CUP

A record crowd attended the final of the Lewis Cup Hockey Tournament at the St. Xavier's College Gymkhana Ground at Parel on Sunday evening when the G.I.P Railway, holders were down to meet the Lusitanians who had recently defeated them in the final of the Provincial Championship. It was a fast and exciting struggle in which both sides shone brilliantly. Despite the absence of Hakim their star forward, due to injuries, the Railway succeeded in winning the verdict by two goals to nil. Thus they not only avenged their previous defeat but earned the right of holding the trophy for another year.

NAGPUR, March 20: The First Class Magistrate, Wardha, has acquitted Mr. Gopal Maratha of Arv who was prosecuted on the charge o removing a letter-box.—United Press

Sunday's
DARK FLUKES:—
ALAM AL IRAQ and JASSIR.

CHICAGO March 19.

Gil Dodds set a new world record for the Indoor mile at the annual Chicago relays covering the distance in four minutes six points four seconds.

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OUR TABULATED ADLETS

2 ANNAS PER WORD
MINIMUM RS. 1|8|-
To be paid in advance.

42. SITUATIONS VACANT

Wanted a Cashier|Accountant. Salary Rs. 150 to Rs. 250. Security in Govt. papers or cash essential. Apply Citizen Credit Syndicate, Ltd., Post Bag No. 1035, Bombay. 4422

Trained, untrained Teachers, Typists, Organisers, Life Workers part whole time. Gangaram Sharma, Rashtrya Shiksha Samittee, 35, Khar. 4420

Wanted immediately. Two experienced Clerks and a Stenographer with strong English and good hand. Life Insurance experience preferred. Gujarati or Maharashtrian Matriculates alone need apply personally with handwritten applications stating full details and minimum salary expected today at 2-45 p.m. to Messrs. Mohan Sons & Co., Manekji Wadia Building, opp. University Gardens, Bombay. 4419

Wanted:—Clerks, Managers on 50, 80 for our new offices establishment in Bombay Presidency. Apply Royal India Commercial Syndicate, Sarai Rohilla, Delhi. 4231

Wanted Accounts Clerks for keeping Ledgers and writing Account Books. Apply personally stating experience, qualification and salary required to Powells Limited. Girgaon, Bombay 4. 8191

Wanted workcharged Grade I driver on a salary of Rs. 125|- per mensem plus dearness allowance as admissible under the rules. The applicants should have served an apprenticeship training of 3 years in a recognised automobile repair shop, and have had at least 5 years' subsequent experience as responsible automobile fitters. They should be fully conversant with major automobile overhauls and the electrical system of lighting and ignition, and should hold current driving licences free from endorsements. Application with full details should reach Aerodrome Officer, Civil Aerodrome, Bombay, Juhu, P. O., by 3rd April, 1944 8192

Wanted: Musicians or a Dance Band of five for Ballroom in U. P. Permanent job. Apply immediately with full terms and particulars. Box No. 4418, "Bombay Chronicle."

142. EDUCATIONAL ADLETS

Get Degrees and Diplomas, Medical, Engineering, Law, B.A., M.A., etc. from American universities Fees nominal. Prospectus from General Educational Agency, Amritsar. (4212)

Become Accountant, Stenographer, Secretary, Insurance Officer, Auditor by post. D.Com. Courses. Details: American Correspondence College, Delhi. (4346A)

FINANCE & PARTNERSHIP

Partnership is open to Financier, who can invest rupees three lakhs on cotton piecegoods purchase and sale by Bombay branch of an established firm. Apply Box No. 8195, "Bombay Chronicle."

632. MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

For Sale:—Newar, Tapes and Belts Manufacturing Looms, Swivel motion complete latest design. Warping beam not required. Apply Box No. 4416, "Bombay Chronicle."

Some first class shares of different concerns of long standing are for sale. For full particulars apply —M. Chatterji: P321, Kavir Road, Calcutta. (7906)

PUBLIC NOTICES

BOMBAY-SIND PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

WANTED Registered Medical Practitioners, who are natives of the Province of Bombay for *15 temporary posts*, terminable without notice in the Bombay Medical Service, Class II. Preference will be given to members of the Intermediate (including Muslims) and Backward communities and to those who had applied but have been rejected on physical grounds for any of the Military Medical Services. No age limit, but preference will be given to those over 40 years of age on 1-7-1944. *Pay*—Rs. 150 and Rs. 180 p.m. during the 1st and 2nd years respectively, and thereafter Rs. 200-40|3-400. A higher starting pay upto Rs. 240|- p.m. in the scale may be given to suitable candidates over the age of 40 years. *Qualifications*—M.B.B.S (Bom.), or any other qualification specified in the 1st or 2nd Schedules to the Indian Medical Council Act, 1933, *with* experience of House appointment in a general hospital.

Full details may be obtained from the Secretary to the Commission, P. W. D. Secretariat, Bombay. Last date for receipt of applications on printed prescribed form (which will be supplied on receipt of *large* addressed envelope bearing postage stamps of the value of 3½ annas and one rupee, only in cash or by an *uncrossed* Indian Postal Order in favour of the "Secretary, Bombay-Sind Public Service Commission.")

10th April, 1944. 8176

G.I.P. RAILWAY

WANTED CONTRACTORS to undertake the work of cutting and splitting firewood billets purchased by this Railway for sale to its employees at Thana and Kalyan Grain Shops. The billets can be examined at the depots at Thana (near Goods Shed) and Kalyan (near the Third Class Waiting Hall). Offers quoting the rate per Bengal Maund should be sent to the Food Controller, Bombay, as early as possible but not later than the 28th March, 1944. (8203)

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED only from candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes for training as artisans in the Government of India Presses, Calcutta, New Delhi and Simla. The total number of apprentices to be taken is 20-8 in the Calcutta Press (Hand Composing 3, Machine and Press 2, Binding 3), 8 in the New Delhi Press (Casting 1, Hand Composing 4, Machine and Press 2, Binding 1) and 4 in the Simla Press (Casting 1, Hand Composing 1, Machine and Press 1, Binding 1).

2. Candidates must not be below 17 or over 22 years of age on 1st April 1944 and are required to have a fair secondary education. They will be on training for two years. Preference will be given to those who have passed the Matriculation or equivalent examination. The selected candidates will be granted a subsistence allowance of Rs. 20 p.m. each if matriculates or Rs 15 p.m. each if non-matriculates.

3. Application forms and rules may be obtained from the Manager of the Press nearest to the place of residence of the candidates by 1st April 1944 and returned duly completed to the respective Managers by the 16th April 1944.

R. K. MITRA,
Controller of Printing and Stationery, India. 8199

THE DHANALAKSHMI MILLS, LTD.

NOTICE

IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED by the shareholders in the General Meeting held on 15-3-44 that the said Meeting be adjourned to 19-4-1944 at 5 P.M. at the Registered Office of the Company to consider all the subjects contained in the Agenda of the Meeting to be held on 15-3-44.

NOTE:—The Share Register will be kept closed from 13-4-44 to 19-4-44 (both days inclusive).

MUTHUSAMI CHETTIAR,
Meeting President.
Tirupur, 15-3-44. (8202)

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS from Muslims are invited for temporary posts of Lower Division clerk in the scale of Rs. 50-3-95 plus usual dearness allowance. Applicants must have passed Matriculation or any other equivalent examination. Applications with full particulars including province of domicile and with copies of certificates and testimonials should reach this office on or before 27th March, 1944.

EXPORT TRADE CONTROLLER,
Export Trade Controller's Office, New Custom House, Bombay. (8198)

TENDER NOTICE

SEALED TENDERS ARE INVITED for the supply, till 31-3-1945, of 250 blue shirts, khaki shorts and 500 pairs of stockings as per samples kept in the Civic Guard Headquarters, Head Police Office, Bombay No. 1, to the Civic Guards of Bombay City. The tenders along with the samples will be received by the undersigned upto 1 P.M. on the 31st March, 1944. Further particulars can be obtained from the Civic Guard Headquarters, Bombay No. 1.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE
Head Police Office,
Bombay, 18th March, 1944. 8182

TENDER NOTICE

SEALED TENDERS ARE INVITED for the supply, till 31-3-1945, of 250 pairs of shoes as per sample kept in the Civic Guard Headquarters, Head Police Office, Bombay No. 1, to the Civic Guards of Bombay City. The tenders along with samples will be received by the undersigned upto 1 P.M. on the 31st March, 1944. Further particulars can be obtained from the Civic Guard Headquarters, Bombay No. 1.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.
Head Police Office,
Bombay, 18th March, 1944. 8181

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
BEVIN TRAINING SCHEME
XITH BATCH

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from persons prepared to volunteer for training under the above scheme. Candidates residents or employed in Bombay should apply to the Chairman National Service Labour Tribunal Hassan Chambers Parsi Bazar Street, Fort, Bombay, before 3rd of April 1944. Candidates should be young men not below 18 years of age healthy, intelligent, able to read and write and do simple calculations and know English sufficiently well to understand and make them understood, and possess manual dexterity. Candidates should necessarily have at least 3 years practical experience in any engineering workshop in such trades as fitting turning, machining, welding etc. Applications are particularly invited from persons with aircraft and automobile experience. Candidates are advised to obtain their present employer's recommendations regarding character and technical ability as this will avoid delay while further references are made. Employers are requested to encourage suitable candidates to apply. Electricians and draughtsmen are not eligible. Applications are particularly invited from members of the Muslims and scheduled caste communities. Full particulars of the scheme and application forms are available at Tribunal's Office. (8204)

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE SARAF OIL MILLS COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the Saraf Oil Mills Company, Ltd., will be held at the registered Office of the Company at 325, Kalbadevi Road, Bombay, on WEDNESDAY, the 12th day of April, 1944, at 4 P.M. (N.S.T.) to receive and adopt the Directors' Report and the audited Statements of Account upto the 31st December, 1943, to declare dividends, to elect Directors in place of those who retire by rotation or otherwise under Article 112 of the Articles of Association of the Company but are eligible for re-election and to appoint auditors for the current year and to fix their remuneration.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY the 28th day of March, 1944, to WEDNESDAY, the 12th day of April, 1944, (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board,
KISHANDUTT GANGABUX,
Agents.
Bombay, dated 20th March, 1944. (8200)

THE SARAF OIL MILLS COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Saraf Oil Mills Company Limited will be held at the registered Office of the Company at 325, Kalbadevi Road, Bombay, on WEDNESDAY, the 12th day of April, 1944, at 4-15 P.M. (N.S.T.) or so soon afterwards as the Ordinary General Meeting of the Company called on that day at 4 P.M. (N.S.T.) shall be concluded, to consider and if thought fit to pass the ordinary and special Resolutions circulated amongst the members of the Company. A copy of the said Resolutions is also kept at the Registered Office of the Company for the inspection of Members.

By Order of the Board,
KISHANDUTT GANGABUX,
Agents.
Bombay, dated, 20th March, 1944. (8201)

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONTROLLER OF PURCHASE (SUPPLY) (MEDICAL DIVISION)

Tender No. P|384|Y-1.

TENDERS ARE INVITED for the supply of "DENTAL NAPKINS".

Tender forms, which are not transferable may be obtained on payment of Rs. 4|- per set which is not refundable, from the Chief Controller of Purchase (Supply) (Medical Division) New Delhi, or from the Controller of Supplies, Calcutta, Madras, Bombay, or Lahore. Payment should be made in cash or by money order quoting remitter's full address and the above tender No. on the Money order coupon.

Tenders will be received upto 4 P.M. on 12th April, '44. (8193)

THE CENTRAL INDIA SPINNING, WEAVING & MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, 31st March, 1944 to SATURDAY, 15th April, 1944 both days inclusive.

AD-INTERIM DIVIDENDS for the half year ended 31st December, 1943, at Rs. 12-8-0 per Preference Share and at Rs. 10-0-0 per Ordinary Share, both free of Income-tax, will be paid at the Registered Office of the Company, "Bombay House' Bruce Street, Fort, Bombay, on and after MONDAY, 1st May, 1944, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. (S.T.) on Saturdays and between 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 3-30 p.m. (S.T.) on other week days, to the Shareholders whose names stand on the Register of the Company on 31st March, 1944.

DIVIDEND WARRANTS will be posted to the registered address of the shareholders on Saturday, 29th April, 1944.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
TATA SONS, LIMITED,
Managing Agents,
(Sd.) S. D. SAKLATVALA,
Director.
Bombay, 20th March, 1944. 8194

P.W.D.

SEPARATE SEALED TENDERS are invited and will be received on Tuesday the 28th March, 1944, upto 3-30 P.M. (S.T.) for the supply for stores as noted below for works and repairs in the Presidency Division, for the period from 1-4-1944 to 30-9-1944.

(1) Miscellaneous, drainage, waterfittings, paint, and Hardware.
(2) Timber.
(3) Lime, Soorti, unslaked, dry in tins.
(4) Lime, unslaked to be slaked at site of work.
(5) Mats Bamboo Malabar.
(6) Road metal, murum, red hill earth, manure, sand.

The right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning reasons is reserved.

Tender forms with Schedule of quantities for Materials may be obtained on payment of Rs. 5|- for item 1 and Rs. 2|- each for the remaining items, on any working day upto 4 P.M. (1 P.M. on Saturday) except that on which tenders are to be received.

For further details apply to the undersigned.

N. P. GURJAR,
Executive Engineer, Presidency.
Bombay, March, 1944. (8185)

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the undersigned upto 1 o'clock on 2nd April 1944 for supply of following leather during 1944-45.—

Buffalo leather	24,650 lbs.
Bullock leather	7,050 lbs.
Greased leather	6,400 lbs.
Calf leather	3,050 lbs.

Leather will be ordered as and when required. Detailed conditions of the tender and the tender form can be had on application from the office of the undersigned on payment of a fee of Re. 1.

The undersigned does not bind himself to accept any or the lowest tender nor to assign reasons thereon.

S. D. VASHIST,
Central Stores Purchasing Officer and
I/C Director of Industries:
Old Custom House Yard,
Bombay, 16th March, 1944. 8190

AUCTION SALES

THE SALE of porcelain, pottery, marble, Silverware, cutglassware, old English and French clocks, carpets, oil paintings, and Chinese paintings, brass and bronze and other articles of art and docoration will take place on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd and THURSDAY, the 23rd instants at 3 p.m. at each day at the Sale Room of the undersigned as previously advertised.

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